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## WHO FOR MAYOR?

When the Municipal Code, about to be put in operation in Ohio, was pending in the General Assembly, we opposed its adoption. We did not believe, nor do we now believe, that it is adapted to the needs and desires of the people, or that it secures to them a fair share of self-government. We thought, and still think, that it was forced upon the Legislature from unworthy motives and to serve selfish personal and political ends.

But it has been duly adopted, and the people at the subsequent election seem to have acquiesced in its adoption. Ours is a government of majorities, and to the will of the majority, constitutionally expressed, a good citizen ought at all times cheerfully to bow.

The Code is now the law of the land. If it is the bad law we think it is, the surest and speediest way to secure its repeal, or to cure its infirmities, is to see that it is resolutely enforced, both in letter and in spirit. Thus, and thus only, can the people see their mistake. If they have made one, and correct it accordingly.

We therefore have no alternative, even as we have no wish, in the matter, except to see this law fairly started into operation and faithfully executed.

It would be a mere truism to remind our readers that the crucial period in this regard is in the beginning. The first step in any mistaken course is of all the fatal steps, because it necessarily presupposes and involves the last step.

It would be equally commonplace to observe that the best men among us should be chosen to launch the new form of government, the wisest men, the most courageous men, the most tactful men, men of undoubted integrity and of proved patriotism.

Such men are to be found in each of the political parties; and if such and such alone are put in nomination for the elective positions created by the Code, then the beaten party can cheerfully accept defeat, knowing that in any event the welfare of the community will be served.

The coming spring election, therefore, will be one in which if wise nominations are made on both sides, the chains of party allegiance ought to sit very lightly and party lines need not be very straightly drawn.

From this it follows also, that political sagacity, as well as good citizenship, calls for the utmost prudence in the selection of candidates, the deserved penalty for weak nominations on either side being, we trust, defeat.

The Code being necessarily a good deal complicated, its successful administration will involve careful interpretation in the light of legal principles by which its provisions must in the last resort be tested, and so it seems probable that a lawyer of some experience will receive, and should receive, the nomination for Mayor, on one or the other ticket. We say a lawyer with some experience, advisedly, because one whose only commendation is a want of it, and that for that reason he needs the place, would not be satisfactory. We are confident that this standard of selection will prove safe in the interest of the public welfare.

Mutterings of a party storm, within the enemy's lines at least, over this nomination, are already audible. Any number of attorneys are being "mentioned." It is said to be the wish of the wheel-horse Republicans—those with more or less moss on their backs, that Judge Stuart should "assume the pressure," and start the new law on its shining way. It is said that he is picked for a winner by these. They allege his uprightness, his courage, his long experience as Solicitor for the city and later as Probate Judge and his being on the right side of every moral question, as so many guarantees of success at the polls and in office.

Others, however, do not agree that all these are elements of strength in an election, and the leaves and fashes contingent insist that it is time to pass the plate to some one else.

It is understood that if Judge Stuart should receive and accept the nomination, and should be elected, it would be at a large sacrifice to him in a professional way.

J. Park Alexander has been spoken of as one whose known vigor of administration would make him an available candidate to set the Code ball a-rolling, while it is said that his long and close touch with municipal affairs here, and his career as a legislator, would easily put him abreast of any lawyer in legal qualification. No one seems to know whether Mr. Alexander himself desires to be considered a candidate. If he does, he can give his opponents—and the Akron woods are full of them, a lively whirl between this and April.

Col. H. C. Sanford also is looming up as a pretty good quality of Mayoral timber, and a good deal of it, too, in the estimation of his friends. He has been a City Solicitor as well as Judge Stuart, but for a less time; and in common with the Judge he has had some experience in running for office. In this respect there is nothing of the coy political maiden about him: he is more like a widow. It is safe to say that with these three gentlemen and their retainers hustling for the Republican nomination, more bad blood could be created between now and spring than could be cured by a barrel of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and a good Democratic candidate would stand an excellent chance of success.

Of course the present Mayor is a candidate to succeed himself. It is somewhat doubtful, however, whether the Anderson machine will carry him any longer—he having outlived his usefulness to it, and the Sunday schools are not naming their "rally days" after him. His chances do not seem to be good.

Without any doubt too, enough other Republican patriots will be in the field to make the outlook still more promising from a Democratic point of view. Almost every one who has been mentioned in this connection has declined to be considered as a candidate of the Democracy, according to newspaper accounts: so that it seems wholly uncertain whether any one is at this time certainly in the field for the nomination.

There is, however, time enough for an available man to be brought to the front, of sufficient ability and character to insure his nomination and election. There is no scarcity of such in the Democratic ranks here. They should not be backward in coming forward.

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## LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING THE WORLD.

From a Cleveland Plain Dealer editorial, Dec. 6:

"LAST MUSTER OF THE CHOCTAWS."

The remnants of the once numerous and powerful Choctaw Indians are soon to be reunited in the Indian territory. Some 3,000 of the tribe will leave Mississippi and Louisiana and take up their abode with their brethren, from whom they were separated 72 years ago.

By the treaty of Jumping Rabbit creek in 1830 the Choctaws agreed to sell their lands in Mississippi and move to the Indian territory. A portion of the tribe refused to leave their old homes and remained in the land of their fathers. They still speak Choctaw and dwell by themselves in their village communities. Their number has steadily diminished and their condition has sadly deteriorated. They have lived in poverty and distress, supporting themselves mainly by hunting and fishing.

From the New York Sun of Dec. 4:

3,000 CHOCTAWS TO MOVE.

The movement of the Louisiana and Mississippi Choctaws to the Indian territory begins this week. It is now probable that all of them, to the number of 3,000, will leave the southwest and move to the Choctaw Nation to take up their homes with their brethren, from whom they parted 72 years ago.

When under the treaty of Jumping Rabbit creek, made in 1830, the Choctaws agreed to sell their lands in Mississippi and move to the Indian territory nearly 3,000 refused to leave. They have remained unchanged during these seventy-odd years. They still speak Choctaw and keep to themselves, living in separate villages. Their number has slowly but steadily diminished, and their condition has materially deteriorated. They have supported themselves mainly by hunting, fishing and selling herbs, and have lived of late in great poverty and want.

## Wise and Otherwise

Almost an epidemic of injunctions.

It is said that blessed lips tell no tales.

Now for a season of cold wave bulletins.

A Keeley cure for politics would also be a good thing.

Keep on buying—Christmas comes only once a year.

The same old snow that we've seen year after year.

"Whose little boy are you, Alfred?"

"Is youse little boy, if you buy me a sled."

"Give the devil his dues," is an expression heard frequently. Just as if he wouldn't get them, anyway.

The Board growled almost like a bear chased from its prey, when ordered to halt in the Washer hearing.

To be ordered to disperse and go home, while clothed in the ermine of a court of justice, was indeed a bitter pill for the Board to swallow.

"What do you hear?" My son, if a man approaches with this question, set it down at once that he's a candidate, and call the nearest officer.

The slight of boys trying to coast on this snow is almost pathetic. "Now, 'way back in 1901, they was high onto two feet of the beautiful in April."

"I'm not a candidate for anything, except peace and prosperity," remarked J. Asa Palmer Saturday evening. Pity the world hasn't more such fellows!

The Alphonse and Gaston act, says the Youngstown Telegram, is never done in the line of people at theatre box offices or in the crowd at a bargain counter sale.

Pupils in rural schools are also on their good behavior. It's mutual, because the teachers are more than ordinarily nice, too. Oh, Santa Claus, thou art a warm member!

Did you ever stop to think that of the 1,800,000,000 people of the world, no two look exactly alike? They may talk of twins and triplets and doubles, but there's always some distinguishing feature.

Remember the Mayor's ultimatum last year, to the effect that every person neglecting to keep his sidewalk free of snow would be arrested and punished. Pay no attention to what he actually did.

Maud—"I have always thought Mabel would make a good reporter. She has such a good nose for news."

The Other Girls—"Yes, and such a good mouth for putting it in circulation!"—C. W. T., in Columbus Press.

At the Garfield banquet, held in Warren Friday night, Mr. L. C. Miles represented Summit county on the program with an oration on "What Are the Wild Waves Saying?" "One of the things they say," said Mr. Miles, "is that Judge Douglass and Col. Herrick must know that if Charley Dick wants to be Governor all he has to do is to say so."

What a fortunate man is Gen. Dick!

An ingenious contributor to the London Morning Leader has figured out that Shakespeare must have written the Psalms. By applying some of Ignatius Donnelly's tactics, he has figured out that if you write down the word Shakespeare, which he contends is the proper way to spell it, you have four vowels and six consonants; put down four and then the six, and you get 46; then turn to the 46th Psalm and the 46th word from the beginning is "shake," and the 46th word from the end is "psalm," and, consequently, Shakespeare must have written the Psalms.

One of the main spokes in a local department store was recently sent to

Pittsburg on business for his house.

While there he fell in with jovial friends and the idea of returning home on schedule time eventually deserted him. Finally he decided to telegraph his employer that he wouldn't return until the next day. Here's the telegram he sent: "Business occupied more time than expected. Missed train and will be back tomorrow." This was sent to the telegraph office, but the operator was not instructed when to send it out. It happened, under these circumstances that the telegram arrived in Akron two hours before the last train left Pittsburg. And it also happened that the matter was called forcibly to the attention of the aforesaid main spoke when he returned.

"Ye ruthless rollers anti-canine. Away with you, go weep and whine; Come down, come out, come off, shut up!"

Hear the tale of the Husking Pup!" —"Dog Ditties."

Many accomplished dogs are known and loved, says the New York Sun. The Husking Dog is only a pup and won't be nine months old until next Wednesday. The Hon. Jacob Dittenbach lives on the Stephens farm on the banks of the Wabash, a stream of song. Mr. Dittenbach was husking corn the other day. The pup watched him with intelligent interest. For full particulars see a Wabash dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

"Then the pup went in on his own hook, tearing the husks from the ears with more celerity than the average farmhand. He wasn't careful in piling the corn and the husks, but he stripped the husks clean. The next day he followed Dittenbach and his man to the field and did several hours of efficient work. The dog apparently was delighted with his work."

By next spring the Wabash wonder will be old enough to do general farm work.

FELLER WE MET ON THE TRAIN.

When me an' pa took a trip on th' cars From here clean t' Kansas, one time, We slep' in a sleeper both nights on th' way.

An' pa gived th' porter a dime! We done lots o' things that big travelers does.

An' pa wasn't rattled a grain; But one thing I remember th' best of all wuz

A feller we met on th' train.

That feller had traveled th' awfullest lot—

He'd been t' Tacoma an' back; He'd been to El Paso one time when his train

Runned into another, right smack; He'd et in th' diner till things didn't taste

No good 'cause they served 'em too plain. I wish I was half as well posted as him—

The feller we met on th' train!

He set an' told pa of th' times he had bluffed

Conductors an' brakemen an' all An' made 'em take tickets 'at wasn't no good—

"Just done it," he said, "on my gall." He'd fooled the train robbers—it wasn't no trick;

These skeered people gived 'im a pain— Ma pa sat an' looked an' 'jist listened t' him.

This feller we met on th' train. I said t' my pa when th' feller got off, I wisht we'd been places that way. An' pa he 'jist smiled kind o' pitiful like An' didn't have nothin' t' say.

But when we got home I was tellin' th' folks, An' pa said: "Let up on that strain. When you git as old as your pa, you'll fergit

Th' liars you meet on th' train. —Baltimore American.

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All his life?

Not if he possess the falling

Of a wife

Who insists with earnest bustle

That he go abroad and hustle—

Work with brain and heart and muscle

In the strife;

For she'll tell him man is husky,

strong and big—

Let him hustle!

Use his muscle!

Let him dig!

When he gets up in the morning

All aglow,

And, all invitation scorning,•

Sees the snow,

With a purity that's recent,

By old Boreas with glee sent,

Cover steps with haste indecent—

Then you know,

He expects his wife will bob up with

the rig,

She's a bluffer!

Poor old duffer!

Let him dig!

So he grabs the blamed old shovel

In his right,

And he hopes the sprites above'll

Note his plight;

For he rather hopes for pity

As he hums his little ditty

"Oh that I were in the city!"

Foolish wight!

And the elements provide him with a

wig.

He says "Blow it!"

Let him go it!

Let him dig!

See him walk in slippery places

As he roots!

Or wet snow he shows the traces

On his boots.

Oh, his feet are cold to freezing;

And his nose—just hear him sneez-

ing!

How he thinks—the thought is

pleasing!

Of past toots!

Then a busy bee he'd rather be a pig.

Hear him bellow—

Wicked fellow!

Let him dig!

When he's only just begun it

Hear him tell

His wife, "I think I've done it

Pretty well."

But she looks the look that's

mournful

(Of sarcasm she's born full)

And she sniffs the sniff that's

scornful:

Me says,—"Nell,

For your sneers I do not care a fig.

And a joke like

This I think is

Infra dig!"

Then he laughs so at his jokelet—

As the way is with all men—

That she, using his good humor,

Makes him do the job again!

—Grit Alexander in Pittsburg Dis-

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